

Claim 13 has been amended as follows:

13. (Amended) A method for operating an electromechanical drive, comprising the steps of:

stationarily mounting two electromechanical drive elements;

placing a drive ring in mechanical connection with said two electromechanical drive elements;

producing respective linear displacements with said drive elements for causing said drive ring to execute a circulatory displacement motion by a combination of said linear displacements; and

placing a shaft in rolling line contact with an exterior of said drive ring and rotating said shaft with said circulatory displacement motion of said drive ring.

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